



## Executive Director's Report

## MOL UPDATES



### MINISTER OF LABOUR ASSUMES ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

On October 21<sup>st</sup>, the Minister of Labour, Monte McNaughton, took over additional responsibilities for Training and Skills Development. The responsibility for Training and Skills Development had been with the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities, now called Ministry of Colleges and Universities. This is good news for the construction as Minister McNaughton has many close ties with our industry.

### AMENDMENTS TO REQUIREMENTS FOR TEMPORARY STAIRS

The ministry has clarified requirements for temporary stairs in the Regulation for Construction Projects under section 75 – 77 as set out in the Construction Projects Regulation. The amendments take effect January 1, 2020. The changes will:

- Clarify where temporary stairs should start and end (i.e. **clearly requiring temporary stairs in underground levels such as basements**).
- Exempt an additional specific situation where the installation of temporary stairs may not be possible (i.e. where formwork or falsework is erected to a suspended slab).
- For more information, read the amending regulation: **O.Reg. 327/19**, which amends **O. Reg. 213/91 – Construction Projects**

### MINISTRY LAUNCHES SkillsPass™ CERTIFICATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Employers can now use SkillsPass™ to quickly verify mandatory employee training required by the Chief Prevention Officer. Workers can search and register for courses online, update personal information and obtain their training records. The online system eliminates red tape, delays and lost production time at work.

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# WSIB COMPASS

Accessing WSIB Data Easier



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The Workplace Safety and Insurance Board has expanded its online services with a new tool called Compass. Businesses can securely log in and access their own data by selecting "analyze past rates and claim costs using Compass". This includes data on 2020 premium rates, exclusive insights into detailed claims and costs, and key health and safety statistics.

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## Upcoming Events

November 2019



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**CECCO Post Bargaining Symposium**, November 12, 2019 Mississauga

(Bob Grassing and Paul Gunning attending)

**Prompt Payment Ontario Meeting**, November 13, 2019 Woodbridge

(Paul Gunning attending)

**IHSA Drywall Labour-Management Committee Meeting**, November 14, 2019 Mississauga

(Paul Gunning attending)

**AWCI Annual Convention and INTEX EXPO**, March 22 – 26, 2020 Las Vegas, NV

**UPCOMING Mathews Dinsdale Seminars/Webinars**

Copy the following URL to your browser to register for new sessions or review archived session videos:

<http://www.mathewsdinsdale.com> (see right side)

**WEBINAR: OHS in Canada: The Year in Review 2019**

Friday November 29, 2019

Noon – 1:30 pm

**Worker's Compensation Bootcamp Level 2**

Thursday December 12, 2019

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

If you have any questions, please call me at 519-671-5930.

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